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Ayurvedic College in Malabar

* 3412 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to start an Ayurvedic College in Malabar in 1955–56; and

(*b*) if so, where it is to be located?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister why the answer is in the negative. I want to know the 'why' for the answer 'no'?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: Government are not aware of any demand for the starting of Ayurvedic Colleges either from Malabar or from any other district.

Renewal of driving licences

* 3413 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state when the Government transferred the power to renew the licence of drivers and conductors from the Police Department to the Regional Transport Authority?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN: The work connected with the registration of motor vehicles, issue of driving licences, etc., which was being done by the District Superintendents of Police was transferred to the respective Regional Transport Officers in three stages (i.e.), (1) in the Tiruchirappalli district with effect from 1st April 1952, (2) in South Kanara, the Nilgiris, Tanjore, South Arcot, Ramanathapuram and Chingleput districts with effect from 1st April 1954 and (3) in the remaining districts with effect from 1st April 1955. In the City of Madras, however, this work continues to be done by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (T. & L.).

Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Are the Government aware that after the power to renew the licence of drivers and conductors has been transferred to the Regional Transport Authority in the districts, there has been extraordinary delay in getting back the renewed licence of drivers and conductors? Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry into this matter and see that licences are renewed as early as possible? Otherwise the drivers and conductors cannot work and get their wages?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN: If any particular instance is brought to the notice of the Government, they will examine it. But I may tell the hon. Member that the present scheme is working very satisfactorily.